

Town of Manchester
August 11, 2015

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Manchester met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Warner, Melinda Smith, Jenn Warner, Vince Pacelli, Debra Howe, Dale Wilder, Steve Miller, Kelly Baldwin and Chief Hess.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the July 14, 2015 minutes. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pacelli made a motion to receive the June 2015 Treasurer's Report. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Warner made a motion to receive the July 2015 Check Register. Mr. Wilder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Warner mentioned that the annual independent audit is almost complete for FY15. Mayor Warner commented on another successful year for the National Night Out that was held August 4, 2015. He thanked the volunteers for all of their efforts especially the Town staff, Manchester VFD, etc.

Mr. Miller gave the monthly Town Administration and Public Works report. There were no changes in either the SHA Route 27 project or the Sheetz project. Staff has met with the potential contractor for the new Town Hall/Police Department to go examine value engineering options. Carroll County is still reviewing the Floodplain Management regulations. Mr. Miller distributed proposed changes to the Personnel Policy for review. There was a work session on rental housing issues held on August 6, 2015. The Town's Comprehensive Plan will need to be updated in the coming months and a proposal was received from DMAP to assist with this project. The inclusive playground equipment will be delivered by the end of August. The observatory at the CQNC is almost complete.

Chief Hess gave his monthly police report. There were 64 calls for service in July 2015. Part 1 crimes are down from this time last year. Traffic enforcement has continued. Chief Hess researched the request from a citizen last month to increase the speed limit on Highcrest Court and is not in favor of this.

Mayor Warner asked the Council to consider having a work session to go over the proposed changes to the Personnel Policy.

Mike Stewart, Ridgeleigh Court, asked the Mayor and Council to consider allowing residents to raise chickens in their backyards. The law could be crafted similar to the County standards. Ms. Seivold, 3320 Augusta Road, agreed with Mr. Stewart. Discussion followed. Mayor Warner mentioned that he will have the staff look at other municipalities in Carroll County and get an idea of what could be done.

Council members gave committee reports.

Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Warner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly J. Baldwin